

Dorchester

1. Time, what an empty vapor 'tis, And days how swift they are, Swift as an Indian

The first system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line, followed by a piano accompaniment consisting of three staves (treble, middle, and bass clefs). The music is in F# minor and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. Measure numbers 5 and 10 are indicated above the vocal staff.

1. arrow flies, Or like a shooting star.

The second system of the musical score consists of four staves. The top staff is the vocal line, followed by a piano accompaniment consisting of three staves (treble, middle, and bass clefs). The music is in F# minor and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. Measure number 15 is indicated above the vocal staff.

2. The present moments just appear,
Then slide away in haste,
That we can never say, "They're here,"
But only say, "They're past."

3. Our life is ever on the wing,
And death is ever nigh;
The moment when our lives begin
We all begin to die.

4. Yet, mighty God! our fleeting days
Thy lasting favors share,
Yet with the bounties of thy grace
Thou load'st the rolling year.

5. 'Tis sovereign mercy finds us food,
And we are clothed with love;
While grace stands pointing out the road
That leads our souls above.

6. His goodness runs an endless round;
All glory to the Lord!
His mercy never knows a bound,
And be his name adored!

7. Thus we begin the lasting song;
And when we close our eyes,
Let the next age thy praise prolong,
Till time and nature dies.